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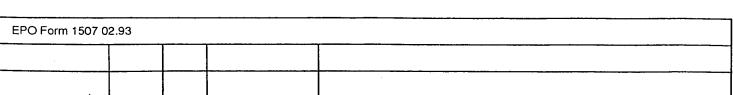
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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. claims: 1-5, 14-17

1.1. claims: 1-5

Feature quantity extraction with a particular division of the frequency spectrum.

1.2. claims: 14-17

Feature quantity extraction involving determination of effective values to derive feature quantities.

2. claims: 6-13

Feature quantity extraction involving determination of peak values to derive feature quantities.

3. claims: 18-20

Feature quantity extraction involving determination of a cross-correlation in band spectra to derive feature quantities.

4. claims: 21-24

Feature quantity extraction involving determination of a cross-correlation in a time domain to derive feature quantities.

5. claims: 25-30

Feature quantity extraction involving determination of an envelope curve for calculating values related to respective extremums of the envelope curve as feature quantities.

6. claims: 31-34

Program recording / reproduction apparatus wherein operation is controlled depending on a feature comparison.

Please note that all inventions mentioned under item 1, although not necessarily linked by a common inventive concept, could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee.



CLAIMS INCURRING FEES
The present European patent application comprised at the time of filing more than ten claims.
Only part of the claims have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims and for those claims for which claims fees have been paid, namely claim(s):
No claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims.
LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION
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All further search fees have been paid within the fixed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for all claims.
As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, the Search Division did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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